



Photo report from a field day organized in Basona Worena site of the Africa RISING project in the Ethiopian highlands, 16-17 October 2015



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Introduction

The Africa RISING project has been organizing several field days since 2013 for a range of participants at its 4 sites and 8 research kebeles.

The mid-season, end season and larger field days aim to demonstrate on-farm research interventions and get feedback from participating and non-participating farmers and other local and CGIAR partners. The field days also help identify technologies and management practices that suit farmers' needs under local environmental conditions.

Field days have proved to be a strong mechanism for cross-project learning as they have engaged farmers, extension, NGOs, Universities, market dealers, industries and other value chain actors across the whole project stakeholder spectrum.

The project organized a field day in two research kebeles from 16-17 October 2015 and demonstrated crop, livestock, trees and watershed management related interventions to local and CGIAR partners.



Extension agent from Gudo Beret kebele comparing wheat planted with a mechanized seeder and oxen plow



A woman farmer (Desta) from Gudo Beret kebele demonstrating on-farm vetch-oat mixture feed related research to field day participants – when to harvest, how to process, mix with other feed resources and maintain seed for more production and marketing are some of her concerns.



Tilahun Amede and Tadesse from ICRISAT demonstrating the yield gap on-farm research and interacting with the field day participants at Gudo Beret. Insightful results are emerging to influence policies on fertilizers recommendation



Farmers and extension staff evaluating five lentil varieties introduced to the Gudo Beret area for further research. The price of lentil per kg is nearly 3 USD making it more attractive than other cereal and pulse crops



Field day participants comparing the performance of faba bean plots treated with integrated disease management interventions and local practices for controlling faba bean gall (fungal disease) in Gudo Beret.



Participatory variety selection on five varieties of durum wheat in Gudo Beret- potential option to supply to factories and diversify income for farmers



Well-managed model tree lucerne farm for multiple products and services in Goshe Bado kebele



Bread wheat community seed multiplication in Goshe Bado



Groups of women and men carefully watching and attending the bread wheat community seed multiplication briefings by a fellow farmer in Gudo Beret kebele





Improved crop residue storage in Goshe Bado kebele

Improved feed trough in Goshe Bado
kebele





Food barley seed multiplication in Goshe kebele



Field pea participatory variety selection (PVS) in Goshe Bado kebele



Field day participants viewing the model watershed site in Gudo Beret kebele



Africa RISING CGIAR partners in Ethiopia





Local partners - Ethiopia

- **Academic institutions:**
 - Wachemo, Mekelle, Madawolabu, Debre Berhan and Hawassa universities; Maichew Agricultural College
- **Regional research organizations:**
 - Amhara Regional Agricultural Research Institute, Southern Agricultural Research Institute, Tigray Agricultural Research Institute, Oromia Agricultural Research Institute
- **Federal research organizations:**
 - Ethiopian Institute for Agricultural Research, Ethiopian Public Health Institute
- **Offices of Agriculture:**
 - Endamekoni (Tigray), Basona Worena (Amhara), Lemo (SNNRP) and Sinana (Oromia)
- **Private entrepreneurs**
- **NGOs:** GRAD, Hundie, SOS Sahel, Sunarma
- **Agricultural Transformation Agency (ATA)**
- **Innovation laboratories:** ILSSI, IPM IL, Power Africa



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